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SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, Mr. Chairman. LB 833 and AM1845 both deal with educational funds. LB 833 deals specifically with long distance education. AM1845 deals with state aid for option students. I think the two issues are appropriately spoken of together, but I'm asking for a suspension of the rules just in case someone else has a question about the germaneness of the amendment. Let me explain the amendment briefly. AM1845 is the committee amendment to LB 621, Senator McDonald's priority bill, that deals with a unique and specific adjustment that needs to be made when the contract between Grand Island High School and Grand Island Northwest High School ends. It simply creates a mechanism for a smooth transition from a contract situation to students being option enrollment students. It also creates the transition for the money that follows the students. There are no appropriation bills to discuss, and the bill as amended by the committee was advanced unanimously. We will get into the specifics more in the opening of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. For debate on the motion to suspend the rules to consider AM1845, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: On the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: On the amendment? Senator Kristensen, on the motion to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Aguilar, I appreciate you taking this procedural move. I understand that this may be germane, it may not be, but in the abundance of caution I think you did the right thing to suspend that germaneness rule. And it's going to require more votes to do this, but I think procedurally at this point in the session that's the right thing to do. I obviously support your underlying amendment, but I want to thank you for taking this step procedurally and I plan to support the suspension of the rules. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers, on the motion to suspend the rules.